

Dear CT Legislature,

I am the father of three children in Riverside CT, ages five, four and two. My five-year old attends Riverside Elementary and my other two children attend a local pre-school. I feel strongly that my children's development is being hampered by the mask mandate at schools. Their language and social development are being hampered by their constant discomfort and lack of opportunity to read facial expressions and detect emotion. Given the State mask mandate is set to expire at the end of the month, I urge you to act to give parent's the ability to make this decision for our children. This is not a political issue but a personal freedom that is truly an American value. If our district does not act to give parent's the right to make this decision for our children, we will look elsewhere to find schools in other districts that allow parents to make choices that they believe are in the best interest of our children's development.

I respectfully request that you let common sense guide your decision to give our children the opportunity to be educated in a way that gives them the best opportunity to succeed and develop to their full potential. Parent's deserve the right to make this decision for their children and it is in the best interest of our community and society.

Respectfully,

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